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DISPLAY OF 'HOME BREW' GEAR TO BE JUNE FEATURE, SECRETARY TO BE SELECTED

A display of "home brew" gear by members of the PPRAA will be the main feature of the next PPRAA meeting, June 14, according to Max Main, WØBDH, PPRAA president.

All members have been invited to bring their own "brain child" products to the meeting for other members to look over. Max has also suggested that this may also provide a chance for some "horse trading" (or more properly "home brew trading") among the members at this time.

Election of a new club secretary, to replace Bill Kraft, W7CMU/Ø, who resigned due to a USAF transfer to Thailand, will also be held at this meeting.

The meeting, as usual, will start at 8 p. m. in the Red Cross Center, 1600 North Cascade. The usual prizes, coffee and doughnuts will also be in evidence at the meeting.

This is your chance to see what other PPRAA members are doing in this field and show off your own "talents"--- and you might find something useful.

BILL KRAFT TO LEAVE SOON FOR USAF ASSIGNMENT IN THAILAND

Bill Kraft, W7CMU/Ø, who took over as acting secretary of the PPRAA when Brian Lord left for college and who was elected to that position last fall, has been forced to resign because of orders to Thailand with the Air Force.

Bill, an electronics control technician with the U. S. Air Force, will be leaving Colorado Springs within the next couple of months for his new assignment.

Operating with his present call since May 1965, Bill formerly operated as K1ORZ while located in Bangor, Maine.

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CARSON UNIT WANTS RADIO CONTACTS HERE

Jim Browning, W8HOJ/Ø, informed Ø Beat in May that a battalion of the 5th Infantry (Mechanized) Division at Ft. Carson would be on temporary duty at Fort Riley, Kan., from the 5th of June until the latter part of August.

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The PPRAA meets on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 8 p.m., in the Red Cross Center, 1600 N. Cascade Ave. All radio amateurs are invited.

COPY DEADLINE for the JULY Ø BEAT will be June 28.

PPRAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pres. - Max Main, WØBDH

Vice Pres. - Pete Demario, KØUDG

Secty. - Vacant

Treas. - Ed Pompea, KØZPG

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John Summers Sr., WAØHHN

Harlan Talley, WAØJCS

Wally Rowland, KØWMD

George Kowalski, WØGCH

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OUR LOSS---THAILAND'S GAIN

Bill Kraft, who during his time as secretary of the PPRAA has proven that he is the kind of a very desirable club member who pitches in and really takes his job seriously, is about to leave us---the Air Force seems to think they need Bill in Thailand more than does the PPRAA as an excellent secretary.

Thailand's gain is definitely our loss, for Bill has proven himself a more than excellent secretary. His excellent handling of the minutes, his hard work in bringing the records of the club up to date, has earned him the admiration of every member of the club.

Bill will surely be missed--not only for his excellent handling of the secretary's job (which will make his shoes very difficult to step into)--but most of all because he is an "all round good guy."

Good luck in Thailand, Bill---hope the Air Force sees fit to bring you back to Colorado Springs some day--and I'm sure every member of the PPRAA joins me in this wish.

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Here's a little tale Bill may (or, under the circumstances may not) appreciate:

A service associate of mine, describing his tour in Thailand, stated: "It got so hot there that one day I saw a dog chasing a cat--they were both walking."

Frank - WØHWH

MAKE BEST USE OF WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE

The following is an excerpt from a recent ARRL letter to SECs:

"Nothing can be so certain in this world as change. Those hams who didn't change from spark to c.w. or to 'stabilized' rigs to meet new requirements, or wouldn't try anything new were the only ones that lost out. Both regulatory and technical changes will come; generally these are NOT as drastic as people fear. With all the intriguing changes to miniaturize, or go solid state, or RTTY, or use v.h.f. or satellites, let's not us communicators forget the basics... to make BEST USE of what we've already got. We just heard that with all the new techniques, the Viet Cong are being licked in communications by our trained unit's handling c.w. with skill... with linguists abounding on both sides it was said that the VC simply have been caught at a loss on c.w. . . ."

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WHY NOT---If priests can be defrocked and lawyers debarred, why can't electricians be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed and Far Easterners disoriented, not to mention office girls defiled?

(WB6HVV in the California Central Radio Club "Circle")

ROSIE'S REPORTINGS

By Rosemarie Lewis, WAØMNL

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Max Main, WØBDH, has a new Swan 350 and a new Clegg twentytower. That's getting your Father's Day gift early, wouldn't you say?

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Chuck, YSIDKE, from San Salvador, El Salvador, while on leave from the Air Force, stopped for an eyeball QSO with Joe Browning, W8HOJ/Ø, in Security. Chuck presented Joe with a pair of matched chrome-plated machetes in a hand-crafter leather case. Engraved with a bronze inscription, the gift was from grateful military personnel in El Salvador from whom Joe has handled traffic and phone patches for the last several years. Joe's rig is a Swan 350 (barefoot) and a beam.

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Florence Kaplicky enjoyed a visit with her son and family in Yakima, Wash., and made the acquaintance of her first grandchild, Colleen. The baby is doing fb now, but after birth had to remain in the hospital for some time. Amateur radio played a part in getting the hospital reports to Florence.

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Bill Burnett, K3KTH, Nerbeth, Pa., due to a physical disability, sends fb CW with his toes.

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Announcing 2nd harmonic QRM--- Ron Seats, KØLZD, and XYL Carol announce the birth of junior op Donald Allen. First heard 1600Z May 5, 1967. Transmitting on a frequency of 9 (lbs.) 1 (oz.) megacycles from Colorado Springs, Colo. First harmonic is Shari, age two years. Loud and clear signals heard every few hours, subject to change without notice. By authority of F.C.C. (Fine Children Commission.)

John Summers, WAØHHN, and Larry Lewis, WAØDGL, teamed up for some unique operating on Armed Forces Day. Each at his own QTH and each with a transceiver, coordinated their rigs via 2 meters to work crossband. They both worked WAR, NSS, NPG and AIR, making it a worthwhile venture.

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PPRAA MEMBERS FEATURED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

As "vice president of productions" and the operating member of JAKVOR, Junior Achievement group sponsored by Colorado Springs Radio station KVOR, Johnny Summers WAØHHN, was one of a group of teenagers featured in a story in the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph recently.

The group, all seniors at Widefield High School, has a one hour program every Monday night on KVOR. All members sell ads for the disc jockey program, pay themselves a percentage of the advertising, pay the station a percentage of the profits for the use of equipment and air time and build dividends for the 90 JAKVOR stockholders.

Johnny, who has a third class operator's license, handles the KVOR equipment for the JAKVOR disc jockeys and also works on a part-time basis on the air for KVOR.

The XYL of Ed Pompea, KØZPG, PPRAA treasurer, also made the "public prints" in a Free Press Story.

The story featured her collection of stories on the late Pres. John F. Kennedy and her shelves of recipes, also her activities as a free-lance writer and her activities as a ham operator.

Along with her other activities she is the second vice president of the Pikes Peak Branch of the National League of Pen Women.

SHOW EVERYONE WHO IS 'NUMBER ONE', ROSIE REPLIES TO 'XYL COMPLAINT' BY DENVER 'SWOOP'

(Our own Rosemarie Lewis, WAØMNL, takes definite issue with an article which appeared in the April issue of The Round Table, published by the Denver Radio Club--- authored by Elise White. The Denver article is reprinted in the left-hand column with Rosie's reply in the right-hand column. ---Editor)

SWOOP

By Elise White

Many of us wives have innocently become involved in the ham fraternity, little realizing what we were getting into. Most of us can accept, with equanimity, metal shavings, solder globs, disarranged rooms, towers, antennas, strange new squalls, squeaks, burps, delayed meals, static electricity, bashed furniture and even an occasional shock from a loaded condenser. But it comes as a real shocker to hear ourselves referred to as an "XYL" when we have just congratulated ourselves on our wonderful state of preservation.

The first time I heard myself referred to in this manner, I rushed to the full length mirror, hauled out yesterday's polaroid picture and took inventory. There was no change visible so I concluded it must be in the mental or intelligence range.

I'm no brain and there are areas that I never heard of and as of the present minutes, I'm not going out looking for. But I don't believe that I have achieved the age of senility as yet/ I don't appreciate the tone of voice to designate my status with hams, male or female, just because I haven't taken the time to poke my brain cells full of holes with a bunch of dots and dashes or drool over a paper full of lines, squiggles, zig-zags, plus or minus signs and other phenomena dear to the hearts of hams.

The national organization, at one of their conventions, graciously designated us as S W O O P S, Suffering Wives (See SWOOP)

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A LETTER TO SWOOP By Rosie Lewis Dear Gals:

This is written especially to those of you who object to being called XYL.

I, too, used to object to being called XYL. I was trying to tell myself it meant Exotic Youthful Ladylove, instead of X Young Lady.

Once my OM introduced me to a buddy of his, not of the ham fraternity, as his XYL. The man thought I was X, alright---X wife!

About this time I thought all hams were nuts. What with their dottin', dashin', fuze blowin' and pockets full of resistors and capacitors. I was sure every ham must be in his second childhood, or why else would he spend so much time up a tree or on a roof.

Through all this we XYL's . . . 'er, SWOOP, are expected to remain cool, calm and contented.

Well, gals, I've found the answer. Give it a chance and you'll get the bug (keyer or mike) too. If you just give a listen to those dits and dahs, you'll soon wonder what the other fella (or gal) is saying to your OM. With a little time and determination, you will soon know.

Then some evening greet your OM with an 88, and gals you've got it made!! You are on your way to becoming a radio amateur operator.

Being a radio op is great. The saying "Ladies First" applies. Be it a contest, a net, chasing DX, or working RCC, your hubby will let you have the rig any time you want it. You won't have

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of Operators. We can maintain our self respect and dignity with such a designation.

Hams, you do have an alternative; Swoop of XYL. But if you use the latter, take a leaf from Owen Waters "Virginian":

When you call me "XYL", smile.

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NEW ADDITIONS TO ROSTER OF PPRAA MEMBERS

Two new members signed up at the May meeting and the names of a former member is back on the rolls:

New are:

Julian D. Cornell K1JSJ
721 Lansing Dr. 596-4216
Colo. Sprgs. 80909

Jim James WN8VHR/Ø
93 Steven Dr. 392-3368
Colo. Sprgs. (Security) 80911

Back in the fold is:

Bruce Cushman WØIXH
2301 Chimayo Dr. 392-3614
Colo. Sprgs. (Security) 80911

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INFORMATION FROM ARRL

(following is a compilation of information from some of the recent ARRL bulletins.)

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Argentina and the United States have agreed to permit the handling of messages of other communications on behalf of third parties. In addition, both countries have signed a reciprocal operating agreement

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The ARRL Intruder Watch recently completed another year of operations dur-

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to hang an antenna, move a receiver, or even replace a tube. Just a flutter of your eyelashes gets the job done for you.

Take to heart, gals, the above advice, and instead of being referred to as the XYL of . . . , your hubby will be referred to as the OM of

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CARSON UNIT (Continued)

Jim, as a member of that unit, is taking along ham gear to provide a link between the men of the unit and their families in the Colorado Springs area.

Jim would like to have five or six contacts on this end to handle traffic for him. He states that normally he will be working 20 and 40 meters between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Here's a chance to tune in Jim and handle some morale-building traffic for members of the Carson unit while they're away from home.

ing which a number of intruders were removed from the amateur bands. However, much additional work and constant vigilance are necessary. Additional volunteers with two or three years amateur experience and good receiving equipment who can spend at least two hours each week logging the calls of non-amateurs in the amateur bands are still urgently needed. Volunteers may write to Intruder Watch, ARRL, Newington, Connecticut 06111.

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Among the operating aids available from the ARRL Communications Dept., without charge, are: Pointers for Good Operating; WAS map and record card; net directory; phonetic alphabet; ending signals; RST system; DX code; contest QSO record; DXCC Countries List and GMT time conversion card.

The following Radiogram, from Dick Hoppe, KØFDH, SCM, Colorado is printed for the information of all PPRAA members interested in handling traffic:

"To All Colorado Amateurs: To improve the delivery of traffic incoming to Colorado a new traffic net is being formed and your participation and help

will be appreciated. The Colorado Evergreen Net will meet daily at Ø3ØØZ on 38Ø8 KC in the SSB mode beginning Monday May 15. Thanks for your support."

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WANTED: An Arc5 or a surplus receiver which covers 40 meters. Bart Lewis, K7SWT, phone 635-2190

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